



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Kenji NISHI et al.**

Group Art Unit: **Unassigned**

Serial No.: **10/718,728**

Examiner: **Unassigned**

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For: **AN EXPOSURE APPARTUS, EXPOSURE METHOD USING THE SAME, AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURE OF CIRCUIT DEVICE**

Attorney Docket No.: **991185B**

Customer Number: **38834**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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March 2, 2004

Sir:

Prior to examination of this application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.